

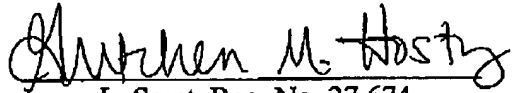
**REMARKS**

The application is in condition for allowance except for the following matter. The Examiner objected to an amendment filed 18 July 2005, arguing that it introduced new matter. The amendment changed the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 of the specification to recite that the gate is made from "silicone rubber" instead of "silicon robber." While silicon rubber and silicone rubber may be different substances, they are fundamentally the same compound. Applicant also believes that it is reasonably clear that the substance was supposed to be silicone and "silicon" was a typographical error because the sentence directly preceding identifies other parts of the invention near the gate as composed of "molded silicone rubber." (Page 4, line 16). However, Applicant has amended the specification herewith to cancel the reference to "silicone" in line with the Examiner's suggestion. No other amendments have been made to the application as allowed.

For the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully requested that the application pass to issuance. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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